

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated May 16, 2006, is respectfully requested in view of this amendment. By this amendment, the specification has been amended. Claims 3 and 33-35 have been cancelled, and claims 1-2, 4 and 19-20 have been amended. Claims 1-2 and 4-32 are pending in this application.

The cancellation of claims 33-35 and the limitations as applied to the remaining independent claims is made without prejudice to later prosecution of the subject matter of these claims in this application or a subsequent continuation application.

The amendments to the specification include implementation of suggestions related to grammar and syntax as suggested by the Examiner, incorporated into Standard Paragraphs [0001], [0004], [0005], [0007] and [0008]. Standard Paragraphs [0016] and [0031] have text added and new Standard Paragraph [0038a] has been added. The text added in Standard Paragraph [0016] describes the distinctive color, finding support in claim 27 as originally filed. The text added in Standard Paragraph [0031] describes at least a portion of the hood has a distinctive color, and at least a visor portion of the hood being transparent. Support is found in claim 27 (distinctive color) and in the summary (transparent visor). Standard Paragraph [0038a] finds support in claims 23 and 24 as originally filed. Corresponding material for the above changes is found in the priority document, PCT/IL03/00148.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above amendments introduce no new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Claims 23-24 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, based on the Specification not meeting the Written Description requirement. Claims 1-2, 5-13, 25-26 and 28-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over cited prior art.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Response

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that amended claims 19-20 now particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.

The Examiner's description of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 has proven to be concise and informative. This is appreciated, as it is believed by the Applicants' attorney that this has expedited the prosecution of this case.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 23-24 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, based on the Specification not meeting the Written Description requirement.

The Examiner's description of the issues under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph was concise and informative. This is appreciated, as it is also believed that this has expedited the prosecution of this case.

Response

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to incorporate supporting description of the features of claims 23-24 and 27. It is noted that these claims appear in the priority document and in the application as originally filed. Therefore the material therein meets the requirements of

35 U.S.C. §132. It is respectfully submitted that amended claims 19-20 now particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.

Allowed Claims

The Examiner indicated that claims 3-4, 14-18, 21 and 22 contained allowable subject matter. Applicants appreciate this determination of allowability.

By this amendment, the limitations of claim 3 have been incorporated into independent claim 1. The remaining independent claims have been cancelled. Accordingly the claims are believed to be in a condition for formal allowance.

It is noted that the examination of this case and in particular the explanation of the art rejections has been very thorough. This is appreciated, as it is believed by the Applicants' attorney that this has expedited the prosecution of this case.

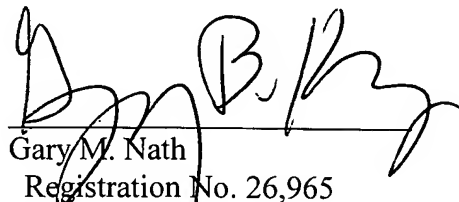
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned.

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